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SUBJ: CZECHOSLOVAK REACTION TO COUP IN CHILE

- 1. AFTER MARKING TIME FOR TWO DAYS, PRESUMABLY WAITING FOR SIGNAL FROM MOSCOW, CZECHOSLOVAK MEDIA HAVE COME OUT SEPT 14 WITH NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN AGAINST COUP IN CHILE. SO FAR HIGHEST LEVEL PARTY OFFICIAL TO COMMENT ON COUP HAS BEEN JAN FOJTIK, SECRETARY OF PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, AT MEETING OF PARTY REGIONAL COMMITTEE AT BRNO.
- 2. SEPT 14 " RUDE PRAVO" CARRIES, IN ADDITION TO ACCOUNTS OF EVENTS IN CHILE EMPHASIZING POPULAR RESISTANCE TO JUNTA, TEXT OF CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE STATEMENT ON COUP, REPORTS OF PROTEST MEETINGS AND MESSAGES FROM NUMEROUS CZECHOSLOVAK ORGANIZATIONS AND ENTERPRISES, AND REPORTS ON NEGATIVE REACTIONS FROM AROUND WORLD. CZECH PRESS HAS NOT SPECIFICALLY CHARGED U.S. WITH INVOLVEMENT IN COUP BUT HAS QUOTED OTHER SOURCES TO THAT EFFECT.
- 3. CHILEAN EMBASSY HERE IS IN HANDS OF CHARGE D'AFFAIRES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SERGIO VERDUGO, SINCE AMBASSADOR SALVADOR OCAMPO PASTENE,

NAMED TO PRAGUE IN 1972, NEVER ARRIVED, PRESUMABLY DUE TO FAILURE OF CHILEAN PARLIMENT TO APPROVE APPOINT-MENT. WESTERN DIPLOMATIC SOURCE WHO TALKED TO VERDUGO AFTER COUP REPORTED HIM DISTRAUGHT AT NEWS AND IMPLICATIONS HERE. (WE ARE PRESENTLY UNCLEAR WHETHER JUNTA INTENDS TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA.) CHILEAN EMBASSY HAS CANCELLED SEPT 18 NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION. WORTZEL

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